

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This application is a national stage application of PCT/FR00/01805 filed June 28, 2000 and claims priority from French Application 99/08771 filed July 7, 1999.--

Page 2, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 11, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 12, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--